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Happy New Year 2014!

*It's time for **AuctionFest** once again! (The form is on page 5)
Clean out the old stuff from the shack and get some new stuff!*



The New Crew: ND3B, W3STW, KA3IRJ, NS3K, WA3SDP

Many of you know that Sam Smith's XYL Grace passed away last month. She was 93. Before the last meeting he expressed his thanks for the many cards and calls of sympathy he received. I don't think he'll mind me passing that message along to the members. Condolences again Sam.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Your 2014 Dues Invoice/Directory Information Sheet was sent to you in a separate mailing.

Please verify the information and return it with your dues & optional

P.M.R.C. SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION to:

DICK MOLL, P.O. BOX 88, ABINGTON, PA 19001-0088

*Your early reply will save the club additional expenses and will speed-up
the publishing of the 2014 P.M.R.C. Directory*

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		Sunday Morning Net Schedules • 2 Meter/ 70cm Net..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater • 10-on-10 Net at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM) • 75 meter Net at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB • ARES at 2100L on the W3QV repeater	
Committees Audit: NS3K Blurb folding: KB3IV & N3GLU Directory: KB3IV	DX: N3MT Emerg.Coor: K3HWE Field Day: KE3QB Internet: N3QV & KC2PMW Membership: N3XKE	Net Control: KB3IV Publicity: W3RM Program: Club VP Public Service: KE3QB Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK	Scholarship: W3RM Sunshine: N3GLU VE Program: NS3K Welcome: N3UBY Youth: KC2PMW

All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at **Roxborough Memorial Hospital**, 5800 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128
Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org.

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**
Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**
147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz
Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...

As I look out over the snowy landscape here high atop Areffe Knob, I was thinking that if somebody had told me a year ago that I'd be the President of the Premier Amateur Radio Club in Philadelphia, I would have suggested they have their medication recalibrated! But here I am, and my hope is to do this Office justice. This is a great Club, with a great "Heart," and one deserving of all of our efforts.

Some years ago I put this up on my QRZ page:
"The Phil-Mont Group is what HAM radio is all about. Friendship, Sharing, Diversity, Communication, and Mentoring. A Finer Group of Folks you will not Find."

I really believe that, and I also believe that this Club is one of the best aspects of Ham Radio. It's an investment in friends and fellowship that pays many dividends far beyond the radio world. We are together truly greater than the sum of our parts, and as such I think we all have a duty to this Organization to make it stronger, better, and a more effective advocate of this great hobby we all enjoy. To that end it's **Auction Time!** Enclosed in your Blurb are instructions and a form for those items you are selling, and make sure you **tell all your friends** to come with big wads of sweaty bills in their hot little hands. We are certain to have many items they simply did not know they couldn't live without, and the Club gets funds from every transaction. Clear out the surplus gear, pocket a few bucks, make your Wife happy, and help Phil-Mont thrive in 2014!

I have an ambitious agenda for this year (or until I am forcibly removed from Office, whichever comes first) including building Youth Membership,

Starting a "Maker" Group, and (dare I say it?) working towards a major Club project along the lines of the former Station at the Franklin Institute. We need something that everyone can get behind and a Project that reflects the proud history and noble stature of this Club, and builds upon it. So do not be surprised when you get a call from me informing you that you have "Volunteered," and please leave the excuses to the Politicians in Washington. We're going to get things done. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for Good Things in the New Year!

73de Fred, KA3IRJ

***Phil-Mont
Birthdays & Tidbytes***

January BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Jonathan Verlin - K3VU
- 05 Dorene Weiner (XYL WX3PHI)
- 15 Karen Lenczynski (XYL KA3EIP)
- 23 Susan Garretson - KB3YQM
- 30 Bill Kane - N3OOL

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. had:
 83 Full paid members
 10 Family members
 2 Youth members
 1 Honorary member



***The VE test session is Thursday evening
the 16th this month.
As always, many thanks to our VE team!***

From the Secretary...

Members meeting 12/11/2013

Pres Bob ERL opened the meeting at 20:00 hrs and asked for committee reports. Jim NS3K reports the upcoming VE session will be on the 19th due to the holiday and the past Saturday session produced two new tech tickets.

Bill AOK reports all is well with the repeaters

KB3IV says the new net controller schedule is ready and will forward same to Blurb editor as well as those on the schedule. He requests any changes be made closer to the scheduled date, perhaps a month in advance.

WU3I reports the auditorium will be available in January for the auction.

Keiko KB3SJT brought more copies of the by-laws for members desiring them.

Al, W3STW says the programs schedule is shaping up and would like to explore more digital mode info.

Rick, ND3B reminded the members that the Blurb submission deadline is the 20th.

With the conclusion of reports Bob gave the floor to Ed, the election judge.

He distributed ballots and collected them when marked, then counted the results which were recorded by Penny, Fred IRJ's XYL.

The results are as follows: Uncontested offices were president, treasurer, secretary and vice president. They are Fred, KA3IRJ; Jim NS3K, Doug, WA3DSP and Al W3STW respectively. The directors starting a two year term are Rick, ND3B; Fred, WA3KIO; and Dick, W3RM. Ex-president Bob, KB2ERL is appointed for 1 year.

The club's business being concluded VP Al gave an informative program on a digital system called Free DV.

Bravo Bobby!



Many thanks to Bob, KB2ERL for his service these past years as Club President

New Year's Eve is Straight Key night - A Great time to get your feet wet in CW

The ***Straight Key Century Club (SKCC)*** is the fastest growing group of mechanical-key CW operators in the world. First organized in January 2006, our club has grown rapidly to include thousands of members from all corners of the globe.

Here's how it works:

- Membership is **free**.
- SKCC is open to any interested licensed radio amateur.
- SKCC numbers are issued for life. Once you get it, it's yours.

Exchange SKCC numbers using a straight key, bug, or side swiper



PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC.

18th ANNUAL HAM RADIO

“AUCTION-FEST”

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014 7PM

AT PHIL-MONT'S MEETING PLACE

WOLCOFF AUDITORIUM

ROXBOROUGH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

5800 RIDGE AVE. (Ridge Ave & Jamestown St.)

PHILADELPHIA PA 19128

TALK IN: 147.030 (91.5PL)

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(See Reverse Side for Auction Details)

AUCTION RULES

1. P.M.R.C. will retain 10% of the sale price up to a max. of \$30.00 per item.
2. All sellers will pay a \$2.00 seller's fee to P.M.R.C.
3. Seller must supply a thorough description of each piece offered for sale on a separate form. (you may make copies of this form)
4. All sales are between the seller and buyer, not P.M.R.C.
5. P.M.R.C. will be held harmless in all transactions between buyer and seller.

***THIS AUCTION IS INTENDED TO BE A FUN EVENT HOSTED BY P.M.R.C.
AND WILL STAY IN THAT SPIRIT!***

I AGREE TO THE ABOVE RULES.

**NOTE: LIST ONLY ONE ITEM PER FORM-
FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM**

Seller_____Call_____

Buyer(for club use)_____Call_____

Item_____Model#_____

Start Bid at \$_____

Minimum bid you will accept \$_____

Tell us about this item_____

[illegible]

The History of Car Radio de Bill, W3AOK

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear had served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car. But it wasn't as easy as it sounds: automobiles have ignition switches spark plugs and other electrical interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running.

When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator" a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current.

But as more homes were wired for electricity more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker.

Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work -- Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention. Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked -- He got enough orders to put the radio into production.

To be continued...

For Sale:

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Dark Olive Drab Braided Cord**
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Contact W3NE@Comcast.net

Asus netbook win 7 home 150.00

Motorola zoom, droid 4.1 200.00

LDG Autotuner at200pc 75.00

Contact Ted Katz N3OWM, 856-663-5962

January at Phil-Mont

1st New Year's Day
5th Sun WU3I NCS
8th Meeting & Auction Fest
12th Sun N3OWM NCS
15th Board Meeting
16th Thursday Night VE Session
19th Sun KB3IV NCS
26th Sun NC3U NCS

***Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and
the Digital net on Tuesday nights.***

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